

MINOR LOCAL MATTERS.

AFFAIRS CAUGHT BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER AND NOTED.

Written in Condensed Form and Printed in Like Manner for the Sake of our Weary Readers.

Monday will be salesday.

The tobacco season will open next week.

The sun will be in eclipse from 10:13 to 11:12 a. m. today.

A special meeting of the county commissioners will be held Monday.

At last the town council is having the grass and weeds cleaned from the streets.

Some of our merchants are already receiving the first shipments of their fall stock.

We are indebted to Messrs. J. Q. Bell and Robt. Epps for very fine watermelons, sent in during the past week.

The sheriff will make several land sales Monday, for delinquent taxes, unless the delinquents pay before the hour of sale.

There is a movement on foot among the young gentlemen of the town to get up a party to go Pawley's Island for a two-weeks' outing.

Monday will be the last salesday of the dull summer season, and the next one will, perhaps, mark the beginning of a prosperous fall.

Some of our weather prophets predict rain every day for the next forty days, on account of its having rained on July 26th, the first "dog-day."

A game of base ball was played here last Thursday between the Kingstree and the "Wee Tee" nines. The Kingstree boys were victorious, making 31 scores.

Attention is called to the advertisement of the county chairman which is published in another column calling the County Democratic Executive Committee together on Monday August 2nd.

An error in the type last week made the advertisement of the Winthrop College say that the examinations would take place August 23rd, which is wrong. The correct date is August 13th, two weeks from tomorrow.

As nearly everybody hereabouts looks forward to the fall as the time when money will be plentiful, and is there is only a month's time between now and September we may expect business to revive pretty soon.

The Kingstree base ball club will go out to Indiantown tomorrow (Friday) and play a game there tomorrow afternoon. The party will be accompanied by quite a number of friends, both young ladies and gentlemen.

We have received other communications relative to the Black River-Mingo base ball game, but we must refuse to publish any more on this subject. Both sides have had their "say," and, besides, a newspaper is no place to settle such disputes, anyway.

The books of registration for the town election will be opened in the court house for three days, beginning August 16th. No one will be permitted to vote unless he holds a registration certificate, and it is very important that all who expect to vote should register.

Mr. W. G. Elwell has bought out the livery business of Mr. Geo. S. Barr, and will conduct it hereafter. No change will be made except that Mr. Elwell will have charge instead of Mr. Barr, the business being carried on at the same place, near the Coleman Hotel.

Attention is called to the advertisement of Glenn Springs, which is published in another column. This famous summer resort is one of the finest in the South and much has been done by the proprietors to make the present season's business excellent all previous years.

Mr. J. A. Salters had a family reunion at his home near Salters depot last Tuesday. That day was the 82nd anniversary of his birth day, and there were 39 of his descendants present—7 children, 27 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. A sumptuous dinner was served and all present seemed to enjoy the day. Mr. Salters, in spite of his old age, is still hale and hearty.

Another Candidate for Intendant.

Editor County Record: I see by the last issue of your paper that someone has nominated a candidate for the office of intendant. While the gentleman named is a man of high moral character and great ability, I must take issue with the party naming him, and address this to you and request the use of your journal to nominate another. While personally I have the very highest regard for the gentleman nominated, and believes he would make an excellent officer, I feel it my duty to name one whom I believe would fill the office more satisfactorily to the greater number of people—a young man of excellent business qualities, unusual executive ability and of great intellectual capacity; one who would, if elected, use every means in his power to make his administration one of great good to the town, and that man is Charles J. Lesesne.

VOTER.

The following paragraphs are taken from last week's Hampton Guardian, and will also apply to Kingstree:

Every citizen should keep his yard clean and occasionally during the summer throw lime in all places where disinfectants are needed. Clean all slop holes near your kitchen and around wells and fill up same with clean white sand or dry dirt.

Clean your yards of all rubbish weeds or other refuse, and carry same outside the incorporate limits of the town.

Resolve yourself into a committee on streets and see that the weeds and grass on the walks and in front of your home or place of business are removed. It will cost but little. Do this and don't wait for the Town Council to act.

This time next year candidates will be numerous.

New turnip seed at Scott's Drug Store.

Election tickets printed at the County Record office.

All kinds of printing done at the County Record office.

The oldest German University is that of Heidelberg, founded in 1386.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

BRIEF MENTION OF PEOPLE YOU KNOW AND DON'T KNOW.

Those of Our Citizens Who are Visiting at Other Places.—Our Visitors.—Other Mention.

Mr. B. P. Hatchell, of Florence, spent a day or two in Kingstree last week.

Misses Mamie Jacobs and Florence Benjamin visited in Salters last week.

Mrs. W. J. Garner, nee Montgomery, is visiting relatives in this county.

Miss Mary Smith, of Georgetown, has been visiting Miss Montgomery.

Mr. Lide Tallevast was shaking the hands of his numerous friends in town Monday.

Miss Sallie Wilson visited friends at Lanes several days this and last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bourne, of Georgetown, spent several days in town last week.

We are glad to see Mr. R. B. Lyons on the streets again, after his recent serious illness.

Mr. Hartwell Graham and his sister, Miss Beatrice, visited relatives at Lanes several days last week.

Dr. G. L. Dickson, and Mr. E. C. Dickson, of Manning, visited in this community for several days last week.

Mr. J. E. Norment, the special correspondent of the News and Courier, was in Kingstree last Thursday.

Miss Mary Anna Davis, of Manning, spent a day or two in Kingstree last week, the guest of Miss Bessie Kelley.

The Rev. W. D. Moorhead will assist in a revival meeting at Lake City next week. He will pass here Sunday, and will conduct services in the Baptist church Sunday morning.

Mr. Charles Porter, who is now a train dispatcher in the Atlantic Coast Line office at Wilmington, N. C., is expected here the last of this week, to spend a week or two with relatives.

Rev. R. W. Humphries, of Clinton, has been sent to this county to take charge of the circuit recently left without a pastor by the departure of Rev. R. A. Few, who had to leave on account of ill health. Mr. Humphries is by several years the youngest minister in the Conference, but bears the reputation of being an excellent one.

For Boys to Remember.

A boy can have no higher nor more worthy ambition than to become a true Christian gentleman. The following from an exchange is well worth remembering, and in following out its suggestions every boy will the better realize his idea:

Roughness, blustering, and even foot-hardiness are not manliness. The firmest and most courageous men have usually been the gentlest.

Muscular strength is not health! A brain crammed only with facts is not necessarily a wise one.

The labor impossible to the boy of fourteen will be easy to the man of twenty.

The best capital for a boy is not money, but the love of work, simple tastes, and a heart loyal to his friends and God.

Our Ball Team.

The way the local base ball club has been winning games recently has caused considerable comment from lovers of the sport. Here is what a correspondent of the Columbia Register said of the club in a last week's issue of that paper:

Baseball has had control of the Kingstree boys and young men for some time. Kingstree has lost but one game out of eight this season. Mr. Louis Gilland has been doing some phenomenal pitching for the local team, and he is well supported. Mr. Olin Epps is a expert catcher, and the way he throws to the bases is a marvel. Messrs. J. W. Arms, T. J. Brown and H. G. Askins have been doing some heavy batting and have won much applause from the lady spectators at every game. The team has several games arranged for to be played within the next two weeks. The composition of the team is as follows: Epps, catcher; Gilland, pitcher; J. Jacobs, 1b; McClary, 2b; N. Jacobs, ss; Elwell, 3b; Brown, rf; Askins, cf; Arms, lf.

Attention Woodmen.

Members of the Woodmen of the World will please make payment to Mr. Louis J. Bristow prior to August 2nd, for July dues.

E. C. DENNIS,
Clerk Camp No. 27.

Spring Bank Items.

Everything is moving on quietly in this section.

The crops have much improved since the refreshing showers.

The farmers are about through ploughing.

Mr. R. M. Thomas has been ill, but, I understand, is better.

Mr. Heyward Burgess and his aunt, Miss Laura Burgess, from Jesup, Ga., are visiting the former's father, Mr. R. E. Burgess.

Misses Eva and Mand Pierson, of Sumter, are visiting the families of D. I. and S. H. Burgess.

Miss Fannie Burgess is visiting relatives in Sumter.

Miss Hammie Epps, of Clifford University, is at home, spending vacation.

Children's Day was observed at Bethel church on Saturday last. Quite a large crowd was present.

Rev. S. Bishop, pastor of Bethel and Midway churches, has been given a vacation for six weeks. He and his family will leave in a few days for Cheraw to visit his father-in-law, Maj. Alex McQueen.

APPLE JACK.

Asheville, N. C., is to have a mammoth hospital. The institution is to be erected and maintained by the Biltmore millionaire, George W. Vanderbilt, and is intended for patients who are unable to pay for treatment. All kinds of diseases will be treated, especially tuberculosis, and ailments that are contagious. A corps of expert physicians will be in charge and every convenience and comfort possible for such an institution will be installed. A suitable site has been selected and specifications drawn. Mr. Vanderbilt will begin the project with an outlay of \$100,000.

Italy has twenty-one universities, with 6,000 students.

THE COUNTY ROADS.

HOW THE CHAIN-GANG IS IMPROVING THEM.

Supervisor Chandler Gives a Brief Resume of the Working of the Gang.

Editor County Record:

I have been thinking for some time that I would write a communication to our valuable county paper and give some items of interest to its readers.

I have traveled over a good deal of the county and found crops in good condition, but very spotty and irregular. Seasons on crops this year have been very favorable, and "Gen Green" hasn't had much showing. From general appearance there will be good crops made.

In regard to public roads, they in general are fair in most sections. Road working is the order of the day. Most sections of roads have had a good deal of work done; some, I am sorry to say, have had but little, and others none, but I think we will soon get more done on all of our roads. I believe the overseers all over the county intend to see what virtue there is in the chain-gang. In passing around over the county as I come to a section of road that is being worked, I enquire of the overseer how his hands turn out, and the reply comes: "When the roll is called all answer but one or two." The overseer in forms the defaulter that if work is not done by such a time he will be sent to the chain-gang; that is sufficient; the work is done.

In speaking of the chain-gang no doubt it will cost something to run it, but compare the cost to the effect it has all over the county. I don't think any one should grumble. The cry wherever I go is: "The chain-gang; what a good effect it has, not only in regard to road working, but it keeps many from violating contracts, from jumping debts, carrying concealed weapons, fighting, or any violation of the law." I am having some fine work done with the chain-gang, and could do much more if the people of the county would back it up and not allow so many cases made up for a mere song. It is a violation of the law to compromise cases. I can hear every week of some case coming up before Mr. "So and So," and that is the last of it. What becomes of the parties? Very few come to the chain-gang. I for one don't want innocent parties put in the gang, and have as much human sympathy as the next man but I do think where the law is violated the parties who violate it should be punished. Now, I have undertaken the working of the chain-gang by request of a good many citizens all over the county, and without the help of the law-abiding people of the county it will prove a failure. Trying to work the gang has given me a great deal more to do than I would have had to do if I had left it off. I could have left it off, but wanting to discharge my duty, I have undertaken the work, and all I ask to make a success of it is the backing-up of all law-abiding citizens.

B. B. CHANDLER,
Co. Supervisor.

Tickets for the town election may be had printed at the County Record office.

The County Record, \$1 a year.

The Institute for colored teachers held here last week was a success. Prof. J. E. Wallace, of the Howard School, Columbia, was principal, and proved an able manager and lecturer. He was ably supported by his assistants, Mrs. Stewart and Miss Deas, each of whom in her province did well.

The attendance of teachers was pretty full and they all took a lively and earnest interest in the exercises. The instructors treated the common branches in a manner adapted to be of practical value to the teachers in their school work.

Several entertainments were given in the evenings, at which excellent music, vocal and instrumental, was an attractive feature and combined with recitation, readings, and several addresses, made the occasion one of profit and pleasure to all concerned.

If any of our readers are troubled with loss of hair, the best preparation to replenish it that we know of is Hall's Hair Renewer. Merit tells.

The time is rapidly approaching when the hum of the gun will again be heard and the farmer will be seeking the place where the best prices for his cotton can be found. Kingstree will have two or more buyers this season and buyers in other markets will have to hustle if they get any cotton rightly belonging to our town. Nor will merchants of our sister towns be able to offer our trade any inducements that cannot be had here. LESESNE & EPPS have goods already arriving which were bought before any advance of prices in anticipation of the tariff duty. Before inviting you however, to inspect shoes, clothing and dress goods for the fall and winter, we wish to call your attention to the fact that you will have to tie your cows out to graze for some little time yet and we have the chains. Then too you want forage to keep them during the winter and we have the grass blades.

We want the ladies to know that we have just received a lot of Heinz's pickles, catchups, etc., the best on earth. You have to have groceries, you can't do without tobacco, you must buy these things. The economical buyer will come to

LESESNE & EPPS.

Why send off for your job printing when you can get it done just as cheap and get as good work right at home? Patronize home industries and get the work on shorter notice. Give us a trial.

Registration Notice.

Voters desiring to qualify themselves for voting at the approaching election for Intendant and Wardens of the town of Kingstree are hereby notified that the Registration Books will be opened for registration voters at the court house in Kingstree on the 16th, 17th, and 18th days of August, 1897, from 9 o'clock a. m. till 4 o'clock p. m.

R. B. LYONS,
Sup. Registration.

Notice.

Headquarters Dem. Party,
Williamsburg County,
July 16th, 1897.

The County Democratic Executive Committee will meet at Kingstree Monday, August 2nd, to appoint managers for Primary Election to be held on August 31st for U. S. Senator and Congressman for the Sixth Congressional District, and to attend to any other business that may come before the committee.

W. H. KENNEDY,
Co. Chairman.